

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, Cranston, RI on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Dias, Pearson, Jasparro, Jackson, Preiss, Blackburn and Richard. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Deputy Director Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.**

**APPEAL #080111: Rev. Paul J. Laporte, for the property located at 2 St. Vincent de Paul Street in Coventry. DSFM Kaitlyn Foley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, that the Applicant prepare a plan of action for the correction of the deficiency, present it to the State Fire Marshal's office for approval, and return to the Board in ninety days if necessary. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #070555A: 25 Fairmount Avenue, East Providence. By letter, the East Providence Fire Marshal's office requested a ninety day extension of a previously granted time variance. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the time extension. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn abstaining from the vote.**

**APPEAL #050895: Mr. Bharat Patel, for the property located at 1185 West Main Road, Middletown. ADSFM Karpovitz appeared for the Middletown Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a**

**motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard and Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant the Applicant a time variance until November of 2008 in which to have plans approved by the AHJ, and a further time variance until May 2009 in which to have the fire alarm installed. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050755 through 050793: Picerne Real Estate Group, for the thirty nine buildings of the Harbor Village Apartments and the East Bay Village Apartments, located on Harbor Village Drive in Middletown. ADSFM Karpovitz appeared for the Middletown Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance until December 31, 2008 in which to bring these buildings into compliance. The Board grants the Middletown Fire Marshal's office to extend the above deadline for good faith shown. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #050830, 050831, 050832: Springdale Condo Association, for the properties located at 2160 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence. ADSFM Gregory Unsworth and ADSFM John Horan appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias and Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant the Applicant a variance from the provisions of section 31.3.3.2 in the corridors of building #3. The Applicant is granted a time variance of 30 days in which to submit plans to the North Providence Fire Marshal's office for the fire alarm system, and 120 days from the approval date for the installation**

of the system. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #050902:** Mr. John Erice, for the property located at 16 Cleveland Street, North Providence. ADSFM Gregory Unsworth and ADSFM John Horan appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a variance on items 2, 3, 7 and 9 on the basis of structural hardship. It was determined that items 6 and 13 are not a violation of the code. The Applicant will comply with item 1 at the direction and to the satisfaction of the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Preiss.

**APPEAL #080104:** Ms. Leslie Andreozzi, for the property located at 360 East Avenue, Warwick. ADSFM Kudzma appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to allow the Applicant to install a local fire alarm, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Warwick Fire Marshal's office, provided the third floor is locked and not utilized for any purpose. The motion was unanimous.

**APPEAL #080110:** Mr. Frank J. Murphy for the property located at 839 Broad Street in Providence. ADSFM Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant's requested variances pursuant to the following conditions. The

**Applicant must remove the washing machine currently located in the basement of this facility. The Applicant is allowed to maintain the existing HVAC system in its current configuration, provided there is access from the outside. The Applicant is allowed to maintain the existing exit enclosures provided that the doors remain closed at all times. The Applicant is further granted a variance to allow the existing fire alarm panel to remain, but the Applicant needs to properly zone the sprinklers prior to occupancy. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn abstaining from the vote.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Marsella**